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**Garden Treasures from front page**

*By Micheal Rios*

Have you been desperately wanting to have a family outing to enjoy the summer weather, but want to stay close to home and not break the bank? Well, a trip to Garden Treasures to harvest from a variety of nutritious food, grown locally may be the ideal destination. This organic u-pick farm is located just over 20 minutes from the heart of the Tulalip Reservation. Conveniently located off exit 208, Garden Treasures offers an everyday farmers market and garden center filled with fresh food.

Taking the family on a farm excursion to pick produce allows children to gain a sense of where their food comes from, demonstrates the satisfaction of seeing how seeds grow into fresh produce that nourish their body, and is a fun way to spend a summer day together.

“I really enjoy having elders and kids visit the farm,” said farm regular, Tulalip elder Dale Jones. “They have big smiles on their faces while enjoying the opportunity to be out in the farm and eat the fresh foods. The kids can see how the food grows and they learn how it’s better for them than fast food and candy. Too many of our people are battling diabetes and obesity because they learned bad eating habits as kids. Making fruits and vegetables a priority at a young age can really make a lifetime’s worth of impact.”

Spending time outdoors while wandering the vast berry fields and green houses at Garden Treasures is an opportunity to get back to nature, both physically and spiritually. Their seasonal u-pick garden is currently filled with an assortment of flowers, perfectly ripe raspberries and strawberries, and a variety of vegetables, like bell peppers, cucumbers, zucchini and onions. They don’t use any synthetic chemicals or fertilizers, so your u-pick experience is safe, clean, and all-natural.

Tulalip tribal members, their families, patients of the Tulalip Health Clinic, and Tulalip employees were encouraged to take full advantage of a unique partnership between Garden Treasures and Tulalip’s own award-winning Diabetes Care and Prevention Program. From 10am to 4pm on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Tulalip community turned out in droves to visit the farm, enjoy a healthy bite to eat, and receive a tour by Diabetes Care staff. Most importantly, each visiting household was allowed to pick \$30 worth of nutritious produce.

Unlike overly priced grocery stores and organic shops, \$30 worth of fruits and vegetables at Garden Treasures goes a long way. You can easily pick an assortment of sweet and spicy peppers, enough raspberries for the kids to snack on for days, some herbs to season up your favorite meals, and make a flower bouquet with the \$30 credit. Numerous Tulalip citizens did just that, and for many it was their first time ever picking veggies.

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Donna and Jim Furchert brought their daughters, Joy and Patience, to Garden Treasures and came away with quite the colorful harvest. “We’ve never picked fresh fruit or fresh veggies before, so I wanted us to experience this as a family,” explained Donna. “We’re going to incorporate everything we picked into our dinners over the next few days.”

Six-year-old Patience said she liked digging for peppers the most and was super excited to stumble upon the strawberry patch. She was seen devouring the bright red, heart-shaped berry straight off the bush at every opportunity.

Michelle Martin was another first timer to the Arlington farm. She brought her three young boys Anthony, Brayden and Caiden on an afternoon outing with their grandma and grandpa. “It’s our first time out here and we absolutely love it!” said Michelle while perusing the



fields. “Never knew we had a u-pick farm this close to the reservation. This seems like an ideal way to get fresh veggies and fruit. My boys love fruits and were excited to run around the farm to pick their own berries.”

When 5-year-old Anthony and 3-year-old Brayden were told they could pick out some flowers to make their mom a bouquet, they quickly scoured the spacious flower gardens for a colorful bounty.

For a Tulalip community desiring to eat healthier in order to escape the processed food and refined sugar wasteland, Garden Treasures is an oasis offering a variety of essential nutrients and vitamins that can make everyday meals more nutritious. Those who eat more fruits and vegetables as part of an overall healthy diet are likely to have a reduced risk of chronic diseases and a better immune system. Plus, eating fresh produce will make you feel better and have more energy to take on every day challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In addition to all the health benefits is the wisdom and positive encouragement the dedicated Diabetes Care and Prevention Program staff had to offer to those visiting the farm. They were willing to assist in produce selections, answer any questions, and offer advice about healthy meal making and dietary requirements for those managing diabetes.

“I am getting to an age in life when it’s important to pass down knowledge and share my gifts with others, especially the

younger generation,” explained Roni Leahy, Diabetes Program coordinator. “I love being with the people and listening to them talk about their experiences in the garden or the kids discovering how the plants they eat grow. It is such a precious opportunity to talk about the plants and how important they are in health of our bodies. This truly is prevention of diabetes and other chronic diseases.”

“My favorite part is seeing the community members and their families out at the farm enjoying the vegetables and knowing they are going to go home and prepare a meal they will all remember and enjoy,” added Brooke Morrison, Diabetes Program assistant.

Visiting Gardening Treasures u-pick farm to harvest the freshest foods can boost your family’s health without creating a dent in your wallet. Bringing the kids can only help them create a lasting relationship with their nature world, while planting seeds of curiosity and excitement for eating a variety of clean food, grown locally. Maybe even, this will be the inspiration your family needs to plant a garden at home.

During the summer months, the farm offers some of the best fresh produce around. Try and grow a diverse palette of seasonal products for a single meal, or stock up the pantry for winter. The next few weeks are the perfect time to find sweet strawberries, delicious raspberries and other garden-fresh produce at your local, organic u-pick farm.





## Leah's Dream Foundation hosts 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, raises \$35,500

By Calvin Valdillez

It was clear skies, 80-degree weather with an occasional breeze, on the afternoon of July 17. A perfect summer day to spend outdoors, and for golfers specifically, a great day to hit the links. The scenery at the Battle Creek Golf Course was remarkably gorgeous, with tall evergreens lining the fairways.

Just a day prior, young Leah Stacy took a journey through the course with her family, posting-up signs that read either the name of a local business, individual or family who signed-on to be a sponsor for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament hosted by none other than Leah's Dream Foundation.

"We really believe in

inclusion," said Leah's mother and Founder of Leah's Dream, Deanna Sheldon. "My daughter has apraxia so she doesn't speak very well. She has very slow speech and her speech is often combined together so you can't really understand what she's saying. A lot of [people] overlook that and put a lot of judgements and biases on her. But once they see past the fact that she has apraxia and she does have autism, they see she's this beautiful little girl who is just radiant and wants to be loved and accepted. It opens up their eyes because we do live in a labeled-world, but we have to embrace each other for everyone's abilities and hopefully one day all that other stuff will be eliminated."

After putting the sponsorship

signs throughout the Battle Creek course, Leah shared a video to the non-profit's Facebook account; a cute message to everyone participating in the event stating, "Thank you for playing and sponsoring," while she wore a huge smile.

While advocating for inclusion, promoting awareness about autism and raising funds to support the local special needs community, 30 teams of four, 120 golfers total, drove, chipped and putted the 18-hole course that Saturday afternoon. Participants also had the chance to take-part in a 50/50 raffle, as well as try their hand at a number of fun mini-challenges at certain holes throughout the day.

Cheers, oohs and ahhs,

could be heard at any given green during the event. The tournament was open to all ages and skill level. While Tulalip Board of Director Mel Sheldon and Leah's grandpa, Ray Sheldon Jr., made impressive long putts on a Par 3, a golfing family of four, JT and Dinesha Kane, and their kiddos Brodie and Braiden, were on the opposite green visibly and audibly excited about how close they each shot their ball to the pin. And shortly after that, Tulalip BOD, Misty Napeahi shot a birdie at the same Par 3 that Ray and Mel had good luck at as well.

"My husband is the head pro here," said Deanna, "And Leah's so funny, we call her the 'Queen of the Creek' because she loves



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Battle Creek. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year doing the golf tournament. Our first year we had about half as many players, not very many sponsors and each year it has grown. This year, we finally had a full 30 teams, 120 players, 45-50 sponsors. This is our one and only fundraiser and we want people to have fun and to come back next year. Everything that we raise goes right back into our community.”

Founded in 2015, Leah’s Dream has become well-known in the Tulalip and Marysville communities. The charitable foundation is dedicated to empowering children and young adults diagnosed with autism. By hosting events and get-togethers for the local youth living with disabilities and their families, the organization provides a safe space where the kids can simply be themselves and build friendships within the special needs community.

“We started Leah’s Dream because all of us, the three sisters, have children on the spectrum. We started out family-focused, but we really wanted to branch out and help our community and raise awareness,” Deanna explained. “A lot of children don’t feel like they can be themselves in a neurotypical setting, but they are usually comfortable and eager to go to our events because they know this is their family, this is their friends, this is the community. Ultimately, the goal is to build-up and bring-up a community and have this sense of awareness and unity. It’s a chance for parents who wouldn’t generally see each other to get to know each other better.”

Leah’s Dream Foundation Board Member, Amy Sheldon added, “We hold events usually at one of the high schools in town and all the families through the Marysville School District (MSD) can come and bring their kids and it’s all free. They get free food, we do tons of arts and crafts and open-mic signing. For Christmas, we have Santa come to give-out gifts. We usually do those events every couple of months because the kids look forward to it.”

Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the bi-monthly gatherings have been put on a temporary hiatus. Amy, who is also a MSD Special Needs Liaison, said she still speaks to many of the kids who regularly attended the Leah’s Dream Foundation events and they constantly ask her, ‘when’s the next Leah’s party?’ Reassuring the community, she was quick to answer that question stating, “We just need approval for a facility to have it. Once we can get that, we will have our next party.”

Although they can no longer hold their in-person events, Leah’s Dream continues to find ways to promote awareness and inclusion, namely by distributing gift bags and activity kits filled with sensory items and toys to those MSD students and local youth living with special needs.

The funds for all the events, activities, gift bags and sensory kits are made possible by the annual golf tournament. And since the events are canceled for the time being, the foundation

used last year’s donation to purchase a new reading curriculum for Marysville Pilchuck High School, as well as many items off a ‘wish list’ put together by the school district’s occupational therapists and speech therapists, helping students who are on the spectrum at schools such as the Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy and Kellogg-Marsh Elementary.

Deanna and Amy explained that typically, after the tournament, the foundation holds a silent auction. However, due to COVID, the foundation wanted to focus all their efforts on hosting a safe tournament this year and decided to hold the silent auction on a date yet-to-be-announced, possibly as early as this upcoming November.

For more information, be sure to like and follow the Leah’s Dream Foundation Facebook

page and check out their website at LeahsDream.org

After a busy weekend Leah and her mom shared two more updates via the foundation’s Facebook. The first informed everybody that they surpassed this year’s goal, raising approximately \$35,500. The second was a short video clip of Leah posing next to one of the sponsor signs while making a heart-shape with her hands and saying “I love you” to everyone who had a hand in making the fundraiser a success, and of course to all of her friends and family in the local special needs community – everyone who is a part of Leah’s Dream.



## Oscar Carl Jones, Sr. Tulalip Tribal Court 2021 Warrant Amnesty Week

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days and times*

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Warrant Amnesty means that on the above scheduled days and times, a community member who has a warrant out of the Tulalip Tribal Court can stop by the Court and quash their warrant without a quash fee. You will **not be** taken into custody regardless of case charge(s). You will be issued a new court hearing date to review your case.

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If you have any further questions regarding our upcoming Warrant Amnesty Week, please contact the Tulalip Court or Cara McCoy.

**Tulalip Court 360-716-4767**

**Cara McCoy, Court Clerk Manager at 360-716-4770**




## Robert George Spencer December 1, 1946 - July 15, 2021



Robert George Spencer "Bobby" was born on 12/1/1946 in Everett, WA to Richard G. Spencer and Mary A. Johnny. He was a logger, fisherman, and worked as maintenance at Tulalip Bingo and loved going to Bingo with his daughter Diane Spencer.


Proceeded in death by Ruth Fay Zackuse, Sophia Spencer, Rose Cross, Thelma (Peaches) Papaki, Shirley (Nancy) Spencer, Mary June Spencer, Steve Spencer, Charlie Alex Spencer, Richard George Spencer Jr. Neil LeClaire, Harriet Hillarie, Oscar Spencer, and George Alexander. Survived by brother David Spencer Sr. and sisters Mildred Spencer and Vivian Spencer. His daughters Diane Spencer and Angela Carpenter. Numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was held Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Tulalip Gym with burial following at Mission Beach Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Schaefer-Shipman Funeral Home.



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## Court Notices

**TUL-CV-CU-2021-0201. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Custody of: R. S. A. E. Jr. TO: RYAN STEVEN ALLEN ERVIN: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Child Custody, Residential Schedule/Parenting Plan and/or Child Support and a Summons for Custody/Parenting Plan and a Proposed Parenting Plan were filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.20. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1- 224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629 NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 17, 2021.

**TUL-CV-YI-2020-0560. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: H. R. H. TO: JOSHUAH ANTHONY LLOYD, SR., YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion for Paternity was filed in Youth in Need of Care action in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a Paternity Hearing on August 10, 2021 at 2:00pm in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 10, 2021.

**THE TULALIP COURT** Tulalip Indian Reservation Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CV-EX-2021-0209 Summons by Publication and Notice of Petition for Exclusion THE TULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. CARLOS RIOS, Respondent. On April 27, 2021, a Petition for Exclusion was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 2.40. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that 1) that you are entitled to be represented by counsel, at your own expense; 2) that you may present testimony of witnesses and other evidence on your own behalf; and 3) that failure to attend the hearing may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion or removal; 4) that if you intend to call witnesses, a witness lists shall be filed no later than five judicial days before the hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you file an answer to the exclusion petition no later than August 24, 2021 and serve a copy on the Office of the Reservation Attorney within five calendar days after filing with the Court, the matter shall be set for a hearing. The date and time of the hearing shall be set by the Clerk's Office and shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.



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